wherein said computer system displays an up-to-date listing of available

information.

2.   (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein [said] the step of dynamically

generating comprises the steps of:

indexing each file and book of a predetermined folder for files of a first type; and

scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second]

predetermined type in order to determine data to be added to said table of contents.

6.   (Amended) A method for providing a dynamically generated table of contents upon

activation of a computerized information help system, [said method] comprising the steps

of:

indexing each file and a first level of each book of a predetermined folder for files

of a first type;

scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second]

predetermined type in order to determine first data to be added to a first table of contents;

generating said first table of contents using said first data;

formatting said first table of contents using a template; and

displaying said formatted first table of contents.

10.   (Amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

indexing each chapter within each book of said predetermined folder for <u>said</u> files

of a first type;

scanning said files of a first type of each book for at least one HTML meta-tag of a

[second] <u>predetermined</u> type in order to determine second data to be added to a <u>second</u>

table of contents for each book; and

dynamically generating [a] <u>said second</u> table of contents for each book using said

second data.

11.   (Amended) The method according to claim 10 further comprising the step of

formatting said <u>second</u> table of contents for each book using an HTML template.

13.   (Amended) The method according to claim 6 wherein said formatted first table <u>of</u>

<u>contents</u> comprises at least one link to a location of a file on the computer system.

15.   (Amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of:

determining, in response to the activation of said information help system, whether

a table of contents needs to be generated.

16.   (Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein [said] <u>the</u> step of

determining further comprises the steps of:

determining whether a table of contents for said help system already exists;

determining, if said table of contents already exists, whether said table of contents is up-to-date; and

determining that [a] said table of contents needs to be generated when said table of contents fails to either exist or be up-to-date.

17.   (Amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein [said] the step of determining whether the table of contents is up-to-date comprises the steps of:

comparing a modification date of files to be used in the generation of said first table of contents and a date in which [the] said table of contents was last generated; and

determining that said table of contents is not up-to-date when said modification date is more recent than said generation date.

18.   (Amended) A method for displaying a dynamically generated table of contents of a computerized information help system, [said method] comprising the steps of:

activating said help system;

determining whether a table of contents for said help system already exists;

determining, if said table of contents already exists, whether said table of contents is up-to-date;

dynamically generating a table of contents when said table of contents fails to either exist or be up-to-date; and

displaying said dynamically generated table of contents.

19.   (Amended) The method according to claim 18 wherein [said] the step of

determining whether the table of contents is up-to-date comprises the steps of:

comparing a modification date of files to be used in the generation of said table of

contents and a date in which the table of contents was last generated; and

determining that said table of contents is not up-to-date when said modification date

is more recent than said generation date.

20.   (Amended) The method according to claim 18 wherein [said] the step of

dynamically generating comprises the steps of:

indexing each file and book of a predetermined folder for files of a first type; and

scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second]

predetermined type in order to determine data to be added to said table of contents.

24.   (Amended) An apparatus for displaying information to a user of a computer

system, [said apparatus] comprising:

a viewer for dynamically generating a list of books currently available to the user;

and

a display device for displaying said list of currently available books;

wherein said viewer dynamically generates said list of books in response to a

request.

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25.   (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 24 wherein said viewer generates said

list of books by indexing each file and book of a predetermined folder for files of a first

type and scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second]

predetermined type in order to determine data to be added to said list of books.

29.   (Amended) A system for displaying a dynamically generated table of contents upon

activation of a computerized information help system, [said system] comprising:

        means for indexing each file and a first level of each book of a predetermined folder

for files of a first type;

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        means for scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a

[second] predetermined type in order to determine first data to be added to a first table of

contents;

        means for generating said first table of contents using said first data;

        means for formatting said first table of contents using a template; and

        means for displaying said formatted first table of contents.

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33.   (Amended) The system according to claim 29, further comprising:

means for indexing each chapter within each book of said predetermined folder for files of a first type;

means for scanning said files of a first type of each book for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second] predetermined type in order to determine second data to be added to a second table of contents for each book; and

means for dynamically generating [a] said second table of contents for each book using said second data.

34.   (Amended) The system according to claim 33 further comprising means for formatting said second table of contents for each book using an HTML template.

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38.   (Amended) The system according to claim 29, further comprising:

means for determining, in response to the activation of said information help system, whether a table of contents needs to be generated.

39.   (Amended) The system according to claim 38 wherein [said] the means for determining further comprises:

means for determining whether [a] said table of contents for said help system already exists;

means for determining, if said table of contents already exists, whether said formatted first table of contents is up-to-date; and

means for determining that [a] said table of contents needs to be generated when

said table of contents fails to either exist or be up-to-date.

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40.   (Amended) The system according to claim 39 wherein [said] the means for

determining whether the table of contents is up-to-date comprises:

means for comparing a modification date of files to be used in the generation of said

first table of contents and a date in which [the] said table of contents was last generated;

and

means for determining that said table of contents is not up-to-date when said

modification date is more recent than said generation date.

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42.   (Amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 41 wherein [said]

the step of dynamically generating comprises the steps of:

indexing each file and book of a predetermined folder for files of a first type; and

scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second]

predetermined type in order to determine data to be added to said table of contents.

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46.   (Amended) A computer-readable medium containing a program which performs the

steps of:

indexing each file and a first level of each book of a predetermined folder for files

of a first type;

scanning said files of a first type for at least one HTML meta-tag of a [second]

predetermined type in order to determine first data to be added to a first table of contents;

generating said first table of contents using said first data;

formatting said first table of contents using a template; and

displaying said formatted first table of contents.

50.   (Amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, further

comprising the steps of:

indexing each chapter within each book of said predetermined folder for files of a

first type;

scanning said files of a first type of each book for at least one HTML meta-tag of a

[second] predetermined type in order to determine second data to be added to a second

table of contents for each book; and

dynamically generating [a] said second table of contents for each book using said

second data.

51.   (Amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 50 further

comprising the step of formatting said second table of contents for each book using an

HTML template.

53.   (Amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46 wherein said

formatted first table of contents comprises at least one link to a location of a file on a

computer system.

55.   (Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein [said] the step of

determining further comprises the [step] steps of:

    determining whether [said] a template exists; and

    determining that [a] said table of contents needs to be generated only when said

template exists.

56.   (Amended) The system according to claim 38 wherein [said] the means for

determining further comprises:

    means for determining whether [said] a template exists; and

    means for determining that [a] said table of contents needs to be generated only

when said template exists.

[Please add the following new claims:]

—57.   (New) A method for facilitating a user's access to a computerized help system of a

type comprising multiple files of information, comprising the steps of:

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scanning plural files that are accessible by a computer to identify files of a first

type;

analyzing said identified files of a first type to locate at least one meta-tag of a

predetermined type in order to determine first data to be added to a table of contents;

generating said table of contents using said first data;

formatting said table of contents using a template; and

displaying said formatted table of contents.

58.   (New) The method of claim 57 wherein the files that are scanned are stored within

a predetermined folder in a file system.

59.   (New) The method according to claim 57, further comprising the step of:

determining, in response to the activation of said help system, whether a table of

contents needs to be generated.

60.   (New) The method according to claim 59 wherein the step of determining further

comprises the steps of:

determining whether a table of contents for said help system already exists;

determining, if said table of contents already exists, whether said table of contents

is up-to-date; and